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SUBJECT: POLISH APPROVAL OF DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES.

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI TOLD ARMITAGE SEPTEMBER 3 THAT 15 CASES FROM OUR LIST OF 63 DIVIDED-FAMILY SITUATIONS CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S NOTE OF MARCH 26, 1976, HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR EMIGRATION FROM POLAND. "PRATICALLY ALL THE OTHER CASES ARE NOT REAL DIVIDED FAMILIES," TRAMPCZYNSKI CLAIMED.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY POLISH DCM WIEJACZ READ OFF FOLLOWING NAMES OF APPROVED CASES TO ANDREWS SEPT. 8:

-- BUCHOWSKA, BUKOWY, DELISMON, GRZELAK, MAK, MOTOWIDLO, MUSZYNSKI, NOWAK, NOWAKOWSKA, OBROCHTA, ORACZ, SIGDA, SONNENFELD, SOPRYCH, ZUBERT.

3. WIEJACZ SAID 90 PERCENT OF ALL CASES ON "OLD" LISTS HANDED TO GOP BY USG DID NOT INVOLVE DIVIDED FAMILIES. POLES WOULD CONTINUE THEIR "FLEXIBLE POLICY" ON "REAL" DIVIDED-FAMILY SITUATIONS, OF WHICH ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED. ON SOME CASES NOT INVOLVING TRUE DIVIDED FAMILIES GOP MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVAL, BUT STRICTLY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

4. ANDREWS TOLD WIEJACZ WE COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY ARBITRARY DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES DIVIDED FAMILY. POLES WERE MISLED IF THEY BELIEVED AMERICAN PEOPLE, CONGRESS OR USG COULD AGREE TO ANY DISTINCTION WHICH WOULD TREAT BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FOR EXAMPLE, OTHER THAN AS CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS.

5. WIEJACZ INSISTED THAT THE FACTS WOULD SHOW IN RECENT PAST AN INCREASED NUMBER OF GOP PERMISSIONS GRANTED FOR PERSONS TO JOIN FAMILY MEMBERS IN U.S. RATHER THAN DIMINISHED NUMBERS, AS HAD BEEN CHARGED. IN CERTAIN CASES (AND HE SEEMED TO INCLUDE SOME ON MARCH 26 LIST) NO GROUNDS EXISTED FOR GOP TO TAKE POSITIVE DECISION, SINCE NO CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS WERE ON FILE.

6. ANDREWS REITERATED THAT WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO RESTRICTED DEFINITION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. HE NOTED WE HAD SET UP SYSTEM TO KEEP US POSTED ON NUMBERS OF ACTIVE CASES ON THE BOOKS, RESOLVED CASES AND NEW CASES ON MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS. WE WILL THUS BE BETTER ASSURED OF ACCURACY OF OUR ACCOUNTING ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES.

7. COMMENT: WE ARE SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY WIEJACZ'S COMMENT THAT IN A NUMBER OF CASES NO CURRENT APPLICATIONS WERE ON FILE WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RE-CHECKING ITS RECORDS AS REGARDS MARCH 26 LIST. EITHER WIEJACZ IS MISINFORMED OR APPLICANTS HAVE MISINFORMED EMBASSY WHEN THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY HAVE APPLIED. ASSUME EMBASSY TAKES EVERY PRECAUTION TO PUT ON REPRESENTATION LIST ONLY THOSE APPLICANTS WHO CAN SHOW PERSUASIVELY THAT THEY HAVE CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS ON FILE WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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